



City of San Antonio Volunteer Newsletter



The City Volunteer Program celebrates Emily Leech on her 10 year anniversary!

On Friday, March 6 we honored our longest-serving volunteer, Emily Leech for donating ten years of service to Animal Care Services!

Emily started volunteering for ACS when the facility was still located at Brackenridge Park. A friend of hers had read a story in the Express News about how much help the shelter needed, especially with getting the dogs out of the kennels to give them some exercise and socialization. She began going 1-2 times a week with her friend and even after her friend stopped a few months later, Emily just kept going.

When the shelter moved locations to Hwy 151, Emily began to focus her volunteering efforts on helping the cats in one of the City's offsite PetCo adoption centers. She went at least once a week and would often fill in for vacant shifts or when others couldn't make it. Emily has now started volunteering in the vet clinic.

Emily became our friend when ACS needed a lot of help and has stuck with us through many changes and lots of growth. Her dedication and commitment to the City's no-kill plan and her tenacity to stand by us through thick and thin is one of the reasons we have been so successful. She has great suggestions, isn't afraid to get her hands dirty and is just a wonderful person to have around.

Thanks for everything, Emily. You are our hero!



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Volunteer Highlights



Thanks to Natural Areas Volunteer Trail Constructors Team!

These volunteers, working under the supervision of professional trail builders at Friedrich Wilderness Park, assist in a myriad of tasks including trimming vegetation, smoothing surfaces, removing rocks and roots, out sloping the downhill side, dispersing spoils piles, and defining trail edges. The Team works in all kinds of weather, hikes long distances while carrying tools and equipment, and still all their work is of the highest quality. Because of their efforts, the park will soon add about 5 more miles of pedestrian trails.

Volunteer Highlights Continued...

Senior Services- Sweetheart Dance

Volunteers in Action



Over 1,500 seniors registered in the City's Senior Nutrition Program came together to celebrate the 2015 Sweetheart Dance at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Department of Human Services employees worked along side members of our community to serve meals, provide entertainment and customer service to seniors. The Senior Services Sweetheart Dance brought together a wide range of volunteers from individuals in the community to volunteers representing Our Lady of the Lake University, UTSA, Majestic Theatre, Old Navy, United States Air Force, Knights of Columbus and the Thomas Jefferson High School JROTC.



Department Highlight—Development Services Graffiti Abatement



A big thank you to the Support Unit, Navy Operational Support Center San Antonio, who wiped out 9,000sq ft of graffiti during 3 hours of a mini wipeout in a central San Antonio neighborhood!

Upcoming Opportunities

It's My Park Day Saturday, May 16th from 9am-noon

Hundreds of volunteers will be engaged in stewardship projects in parks across San Antonio. Volunteers are needed to help pitch in at Southside Lions Park. Tasks will include painting over graffiti, mulching, litter cleanup and more. Ages 5+. For more information, please contact Meredith Tilley at meredith.tilley@sanantonio.gov or (210) 207-8603.

Make plans to attend this free, 1.5 hour volunteer workshop.

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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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Whether you want to pick up a paint brush, a phone or log-on to your computer, you can wipeout graffiti in one stroke!

Class Topics:

- The 3 E's of Graffiti
- Who's Responsibility is it?
- Can I Get Free Paint and Supplies?
- There's an App for That!
- Adopt a Dumpster
- Volunteering Volunteer Management Software
- And more!

March Dates: Monday, March 9th at 9am or Thursday, March 19th at 1pm

April Dates: Thursday, April 9th at 10am or Saturday, April 18th at 9am

March Workshop Location:
Claude Black Community Center
2805 East Commerce
San Antonio, TX 78235

April Workshop Location:
City Service Facility
110 Callahan Road
San Antonio, TX 78228

Ready to register?
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